

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

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HOLDER FOR A SUBSTRATE CASSETTE AND DEVICE PROVIDED WITH SUCH A
HOLDER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, viewed in cross-section, the guides (5) demonstrate a trapezoidal, inwardly directed profile (8).

4. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide member (4) and the base plate (3) are provided with corresponding openings (9A, 9B) having the shape of an elongated slot (9A, 9B) the longitudinal directions of which are mutually substantially perpendicular and by means of which the guide member (4) is detachably secured to the base plate (3) by means of bolts (11) and nuts (12).

6. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the base plate (3), the bolts (11) and the nuts (12) are made of aluminum.

7. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide member (4) comprises two mirror-symmetrical guide members (4A, 4B), which each form at least one (5B, 5E) guide, and preferably three guides ((5A, 5B, 5C), (5D, 5E, 5F)), which each adjoin a single side of the cassette (1).

8. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide member (4) is made from a material having a low coefficient of friction, for example a high-molecular polyethene.


9. (Amended) A device for the manufacture of semiconductor products in semiconductor substrates, provided with a holder (10) as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to reformat the claims to delete all multiple dependencies prior to calculation of the filing fee and place the instant application in standard U.S. format.

Entry of this amendment prior to calculating the
filing fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that, viewed in cross-section, the guides (5) demonstrate a trapezoidal, inwardly directed profile (8).

4. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, characterized in that the guide member (4) and the base plate (3) are provided with corresponding openings (9A, 9B) having the shape of an elongated slot (9A, 9B) the longitudinal directions of which are mutually substantially perpendicular and by means of which the guide member (4) is detachably secured to the base plate (3) by means of bolts (11) and nuts (12).

6. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, characterized in that the base plate (3), the bolts (11) and the nuts (12) are made of aluminum.

7. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the guide member (4) comprises two mirror-symmetrical guide members (4A, 4B), which each form at least one (5B, 5E) guide, and preferably three guides ((5A, 5B, 5C), (5D, 5E, 5F)), which each adjoin a single side of the cassette (1).

8. (Amended) A holder as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the guide member (4) is made from a material having a low coefficient of friction, for example a high-molecular polyethene.

9. (Amended) A device for the manufacture of semiconductor products in semiconductor substrates, provided with a holder (10) as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~.

10. The device according to claim 1, wherein the holder (10) is a semiconductor substrate.